

2009 Oregon State Rally

This was our first year to have the Oregon State Rally in southern Oregon since the 2004 Rally at the Sunny Valley KOA, and I have to say, there was no one complaining about being cold for once. There were over 85 registered participants. We had 90-95 degree temperatures every day. Dan Tillotson, the snow cone vendor, was right next to my camp site. (I'm no dummy, I put him real close.) Dan came in handy and offered his help to drive home a fellow biker, when his wiring harness caught on fire. Mike and Bea Downs donated a trailer, and they loaded up the bike and tent trailer and took it to be repaired. That's real destination friendship for you.

The Military Store and More was a vendor and gave us a very nice American flag for a door prize. I kept seeing a lot of people in their trailer, checking out their great merchandise. Ace High Leathers came in on Saturday morning and donated a couple of their little bags that attach to your belt loops to keep your money in. I believe Linda Thomas took advantage of a great buy on some chaps from Nanci at Ace High. Everyone really liked the bags that she donated. S&D Custom Cycles came in with their trike conversions and everyone enjoyed checking those out. Steve donated a set of Kuriyakan hand grips for our prizes. Wings of Gold donated a couple of very nice pins for door prizes. Jeff Crank and Joey Madden did a great job on several bikes, trikes, and helmets with pin striping and lettering. I even had some pink and blue pin striping added to my bike. I am very happy with it. All of the vendors said to let them know about our next rally and they would consider coming again next year.

Patrick Densmore did a great job on the poker run. I heard several comments about how good the ride was. Wanda O'Dell won the best hand and received \$138.00 and Diana Abel got \$46.00 for the low hand. We thank all who participated in the ride. Ken Krois set up some great scenic rides, as well. Larry Balloy lead a museum scenic ride and Marty Warren lead a mountain ride to Gallesville Reservoir and 7 Feathers Casino. Feedback was positive on all the planned rides.

Chapter B Directors could not attend due to personal reasons and State Staff picked up the ball to deliver the Pancake Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast was great!! I did not know that Ken was so handy with a spatula. I'll keep that in mind for our next campout.

Dick and Doris did a great job on the BBQ dinner for Saturday night and all the help with preparation and distribution of the food was greatly appreciated by all.

Lelani, her girls, and Sandy Lindquist, our hula dancers, were very well received. Everyone kept asking me where I found such talent. I told them they were just part of our extended family. They did an awesome job, and those who heard about it afterword wished they had not missed such a great show. We will keep them in mind for future rallies.

After the dancers and BBQ, State Staff also served over 80 bowls of ice cream at the ice cream social on Saturday night before the Light Parade ride. Although the Light Parade ride only occurred inside the State Park, the precession was orderly and well lit with 16 bikes in the parade.

50/25/25 drawings were held on Friday and Saturday nights. The grand prize was a Joe Rocket Riding Jacket worth \$190.00. It was given to us at cost by the Kawasaki Honda dealership of Medford. It was won by Chet Reynolds of Chapter P. He will be exchanging it for a smaller size. Thank you to the Honda shop for their help.

Chapter A received both trophies for 1) the most pre registered members and 2) the most members in attendance at the rally. Chapter M did make a great effort with only 3 less.

Randi thanked his staff that helped put everything together and introduced his new Assistant Director, Alex Christensen. Of course, that means he needs a new Treasurer. So if you are interested in the job, get in contact with Randi. I said I would return as secretary. This type of

event does take everyone working together as a team, and everyone's thoughts must be considered to put on a great event.

I hope everyone enjoyed the rally and that we will get more participation from our sister states next time. We thank all of those who came from Washington and California. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Region B's member from Yuba City, who was involved in an accident during a poker run and did not make it. We wish the best to his wife and family. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.

Lillian Schroeder, State Staff Secretary

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